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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.   
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL INSPECTION OF COURT HOLDING FACILITIES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 101045 of the California Health and Safety Code, this Department has completed the annual inspection of the Court Holding Facilities operated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Juvenile Court Holding Facilities operated by the Probation Department, and the Ed Edelman Children's Center operated by the Department of Children and Family Services. The inspection reports are attached for your review.

These facilities were inspected for compliance with sanitation and medical standards. The inspections revealed recurring or continuing problems common in institutions. While these inspections are mandated by State Law, the Health Officer's role is advisory. All findings were reviewed with the responsible deputies, the commander in charge of Court Holding Facilities, and the responsible facility administrator.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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Attachments

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